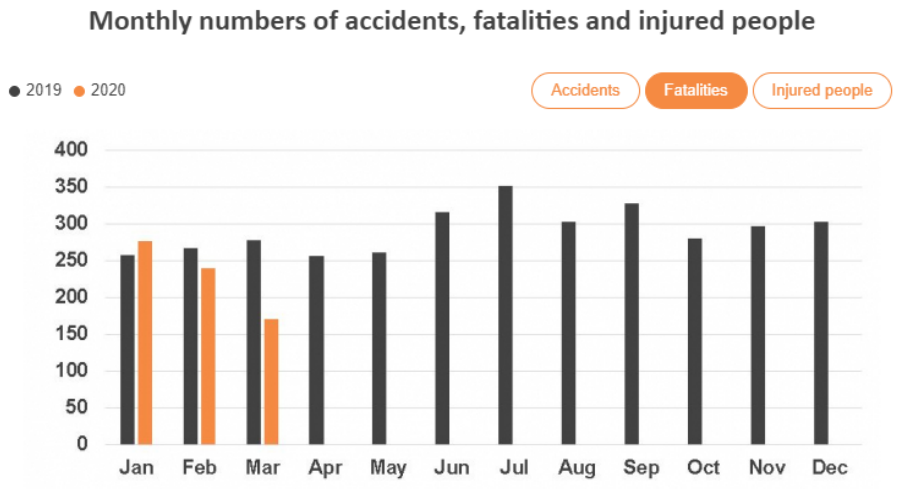
15 April: Road safety examples

Given possibly record reductions in motorised traffic due to various lockdowns caused by the Coronavirus, much interest lies in timely road safety data (even if provisional). As of today, here are a few interesting examples. Each of these is linked to on the main page, and all data should be considered provisional.

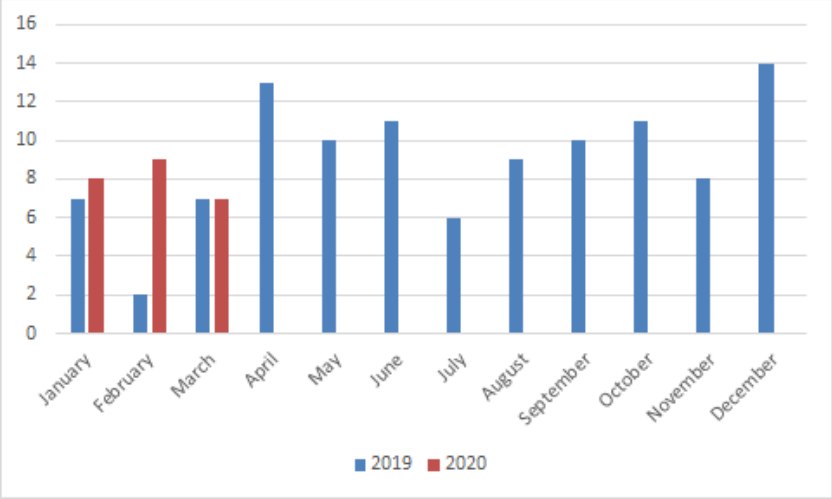
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The **French Road Safety Observatory** preliminary data show that in March 2020, 154 lost their lives on the roads of Metropolitan France. This is a 39% drop compared to the same period of 2019, and a 29% drop compared to February 2020.



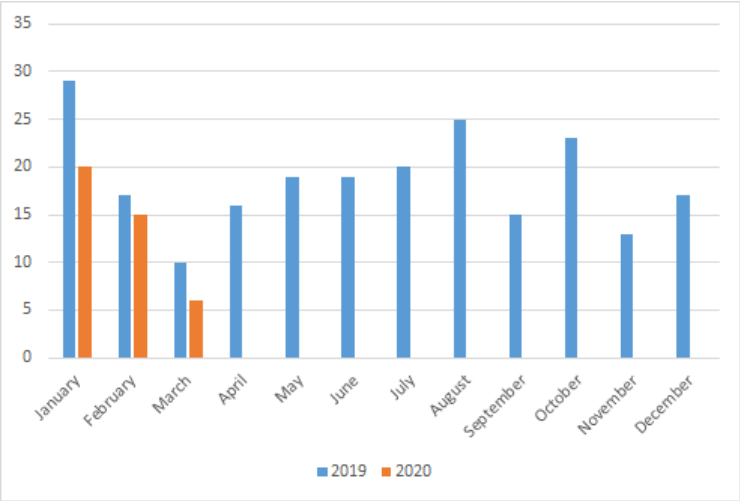
Norway

Provisional data for March 2020 show fatality levels identical to March 2019.



Sweden

In March 2020, 6 people died on the roads in **Sweden**. This is the lowest figure since monthly data have been published (going back to 2003), and is a 40% reduction on the March 2019 figure.



London, United Kingdom

13 people are recorded as road traffic fatalities by **Transport for London** in March 2020, making 40 fatalities for 1Q2020 in total, which is actually an 11% increase compared to 1Q2019. (The UK was only put into formal lockdown on 23 March).

New York City, United States

Daily traffic crashes reported by the **New York Police Department** show that in March 2020, seven road traffic fatalities occurred, which is the lowest monthly figure since the series begins in July 2012.



**Data manipulated and graphed in R by UNECE. A basic R-script is available that allows monthly data to be downloaded.*

This page will be updated when notable examples of statistics sources that show the Coronavirus impact on transport systems become available.